Telephone Service in the Capital

551. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephones in the capital are in a most deporable state; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) working of telephones in the capital is generally quite satisfactory.

(b) The steps being taken to further improve the system are placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Improvement measures, Long-term and short-term, contemplated to Improve the Telephone Services

1. Introduction of sophisticated electronic telephone exchanges to avoid problems inherent with electro magnetic switching equipment used hitherto.

2. Replacement of life expired equipment.

3. Special testing of exchange equipment particularly inter exchange junctions is being undertaken to improve inter-exchange working.

4. Working of air-conditioning plants in various exchanges is being regularly monitored to ensure proper working.

5. Laying of new Junction, primary and secondary cables inducts to protect them from external damages.

6. Pressurisation of primary and secondary and junction cables to minimise cable break-down faults.

7. Use of jelly filled cables in the distribution network to prevent entry of water in the cables to avoid faults.

8. Cable trenches are being flooded before being closed so as to detect any damage during trenching or laying of the cables. The public is being asked to inform Delhi Telephones before they take up digging on 'dial before dig' service so as to keep liasion with other agencies who are engaged in digging.

9. Extensive patrolling of cable routes to detect any digging operations and to take precautionary measures to avoid damage to cables.

10. Provision of high grade junction circuits on Pulse Code Modulation coaxial and microwave media to provide better quality and more dependable service.

11. Rehabilitation of subscribers' fittings and the D. P. boxes to minimise faults on the line.

12. Replacement of overhead wires by insulated drop wires to avoid faults due to kite strings, birds nests etc. which lead to contact or low insulation faults.

13. Use of improved telephone instruments.

14. Replacement of aluminium wires in the fittings at the subscribers premises by copper wires to avoid break faults.

15. Computerisation of cable records and faults repair service to bring down duration of faults.

16. Computerisation of Directory Assistance, (197) service and commercial records.

17. Computerisation operator assisted (180) trunk services.

18. Monitoring of the automanual service and trunk service is being carried out so as to ensure prompt response on these services.

19. Public grievance cells have been opened at General Managers headquarter and Area Manager offices to provide single outlet attention to the subscribers.

Increase in the prices of Petroleum Products

552. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have further increased the prices of petroleum products during the last few months; and

(b) what is the extent of increase in prices of various petroleum products registered since showing comparative prices in 1980 and 1985, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Basic prices of petroleum products were increased w.e.f. 17-3-1985.

(b) The extent of increase with effect from 17-3-1985 in the prices of major petroleum products in comparison to the prices prevailing in 1980 is shown in the attached statement.

Statement

Product	Selling Unit	Basic ceiling selling price as on 1-1-1980	Increase made w.e.f. 17-3-1985	Cumulative Increase from 1-1-1980 (including Col. 4)	Basic ceiling selling price w.e.f. 17-3-85 RS./SU
A T F.	KL	2116.85	618.00	2623.00	4739.85
M. S. 83/87*	KL	3888.07	831.00	2481.00	6369.07
H S D.O.	KL	1309 55	228.00	1768.00	3077 55
S K O	KL	1291 93	247.00	597.00	1891.93†
L.D.O	KL	1206 97	398.00	1847.00	3053 97
F. O. (Fert.)	KL	829.06	172.00	617.00	1446 06
F. O. (Non-Fert)	KL	1299.06	379.00	1694.00	2993.06
Bitumen (Bulk)	MT	1825.85**	329.00	699.00	2524.85
Bitumen (Packed)	MT	1460.91	404.00	1639.00	3099.91
Naptha (NF)	MT	2482.00	419.00	729.00	3211.00
Naptha (F)	MT	596.31	259.00	1386.00	1982.31
LPG (Domestic)	MT	1965 98	395 00	1063.00	3028.98

*With effect from 1-9-1983.

†Reduced by Rs. 70 KL with effect from 26-3-1985

**Sale introduced after 1-1-1980 Price as on 8-6-1980.